	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
Notice of Allowability	09/461,308	AKIMOTO, TAIZO	
	Examiner	Art Unit	1
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1. X This communication is responsive to 8/25/2004.			
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>25-36</u> .			
3. X The drawings filed on 15 December 1999 are accepted by the Examiner.			
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:			
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.			
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No			
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the			
International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).			
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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.			
5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.			
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.			
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached			
1) 🔲 hereto or 2) 🔲 to Paper No./Mail Date			
(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date			
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).			
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.			
Attachment(s)			
1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	5. Notice of Informal Page 1	atent Application (PTC	-152)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	6. Interview Summary		
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/0 Paper No./Mail Date	Paper No./Mail Dat 8), 7. ☐ Examiner's Amendm		
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit	8. Examiner's Stateme	ent of Reasons for Allov	wance
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DETAILED ACTION

Reasons for Allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 25-36 are allowable in light of the applicant's amendments filed on August 25, 2004. The closest prior art in the record is Chee (US Patent No. 5,974,164, filed on October 16, 1995). These prior art does not teach a test piece of claims 25 and 28. This prior art either alone or in combination with the other art in the record does not teach or reasonably suggest an apparatus which comprise all of the limitations recited in claims 25 and 28.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2. Papers related to this application may be submitted to Group 1600 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Group 1600 via the PTO Fax Center. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notices published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1988), 1156 OG 61 (November 16, 1993), and 1157 OG 94 (December 28, 1993)(See 37 CAR § 1.6(d)). The CM Fax Center number is either (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frank Lu, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (571)272-0746. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Jones, can be reached on (571)272-0745.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Chemical Matrix receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

Frank Lu PSA December 10, 2004

> (ENNETH R. HORLICK, PH.D. PRIMARY EXAMINED

> > 12/13/09